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Title:

DECODING DEVICE OR ENCODING DEVICE HAVING

INTERMEDIATE BUFFER INTERPOSED BETWEEN AN

ARITHMETIC CODE DECODER OR ENCODER AND A REVERSE

BINARIZATION DEVICE OR BINARIZATION DEVICE

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Document A1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A5.

Document A2 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A8.

Documents A3 and A4 are U.S. counterparts of Document A11.

The relevance of Documents A5-A7, A9, A10, A16 and A17 is described in the present specification.

Documents A8 and A11-A15, listed on the attached PTO/SB/08, were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available; however, the absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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